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Title: Vertical Positioner For Seed Planter Having Integral Locking Mechanism

Attorney Docket No. 17316

**RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment and Petition of Extension of Time is in response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2005, given in the above-identified application for Letters Patent.

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 20, 2005. The requested extension of time is for one month, from December 20, 2005 until January 20, 2006. The fee for this extension of time is \$110.00 and is to be paid as follows:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 03-1025. If any additional extension of time is

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